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Future Activities

Watch email for notices of impromptu hikes. **Please offer suggestions of your favorite walking destinations** to Paula or Becky; we will get them posted as soon as weather permits. **PLEASE call or email Becky 657-2314 or Paula 474-4225 as soon as you know you will attend an activity.** We don't want to leave anyone behind if weather or plans change. Leave your name and PHONE # if you leave a message. If you do not communicate by email and have a suggested destination or want notice of a walk, call Paula 474-4225 to get on the phone list.

2 Oct Saturday Mosey at HaHaTonka SP hosted by Allison Vaughn, Naturalist in DNR. Meet at MDC Research Center [College & Stadium] at 8 am. Late lunch at a winery near Camdenton. Bring a snack, water and other personal comforts. You must contact Paula by Fri Afternoon to be included in this outing 474-4225.

[9 October Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival. Because of this activity, the seed collection day is:]

10 Oct Sunday Seed collection. 9 am at MDC Research [Stadium X College] destinations announced to people who make reservations by return email or 573-657-2314 [some told me at the last meeting]. This is the first part of the Propagation Workshop offered by Becky. **See Article page 3.**

16 Oct Saturday: Chestnut Festival at the MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center [HARC], New Franklin, MO. 10 am to 4 pm. Set up at 9 am. Please plan to help with our booth; sign up with Paula.

23 Oct Vanessa and David's Wedding in Rocheport

24 Oct Sunday Mosey at Painted Rock CA to see fall flowers and fall leaf color over the Osage River. Easy trail. Meet at MDC Research Center [College & Stadium] at 9 am or drive Just north of Westphalia, 133 west of US63 about 6 miles. Lunch at Summit Winery [Holt's Summit] just north of Jefferson City on 54 get off at first overpass, [left over bridge] right into break in rock wall.

8 November Monday: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. **Speaker will Robin Kennedy, Curator of Dunn-Palmer Herbarium.**

Thanks to John White, Ann Wakeman, and Vanessa Melton, for their submissions to the newsletter. Thanks to Jean Graebner, Paul Cork, John White, Nancy Brackage, Paula Peters and Vanessa Melton for their help with the booth this fall. Newsletter is just too full to get any photos in this month. Activity photos will be included in November.

News From Stateside

Submitted by John R White State Rep.

State meeting Friday, September 10 KC MO

Members of the Missouri Native Plant Society met at Rocky Point Lodge in Swope Park, for a presentation on Kansas City WildLands by Linda Lehrbaum, coordinator for the Kansas City WildLands organization. The organization was founded by Larry Rizzo, a natural history biologist with MDC. KC WildLands is a coalition of organizations, corporations and individuals whose mission is to conserve, protect and restore natural communities of the Kansas City region. For more information on KC WildLands go to www.kcwildlands.org.

Saturday, September 11 Board Meeting

The fall board meeting was held at the Holiday Inn/Water Park. A quorum was present and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

- Chuck Robinson reported that he was still receiving some chapter reports after the deadline which in turn makes the Petal Pusher publication mailing late.
- A discussion was held with David Winn concerning a possible members list to communicate timely information, to and from the chapters, by the website and email. Members would submit a profile to receive the information. Further information will be in the Petal Pusher and then discussed at the December board meeting.
- Ann Early reported that there are 22 new members since June giving a total of 357 members in the society. There are 54 life members. The new Southwest Missouri chapter acquired 14 new members.
- The Hudson award was not offered last year as interest rates have been down and an attempt is made not to use the principle for funding. A donation of 400 dollars has been received, with the stipulation that it must be used this year, as well as a donation from the St. Louis chapter. Since more donations are expected, some money is available in a separate fund checking account, and there was a poor response for the last award, a motion was made and seconded to raise the award to 1000 dollars this year.
- Preparation items for the statewide database project were submitted by the Southwest Missouri chapter resulting in a long discussion of pros and cons. There seems to be a consensus that the database is a good idea but there are concerns on set-up, operation and control of the information. More information on that later.
- The Missouriensis will be published this year.

Field Trips

All the field trips were to KC WildLands areas.

Jerry Smith Park and Saeger Woods Conservation Area

Combined acreage of the two areas is 380 acres (Smith Park 360, Saeger Woods 20). Currently about 40 acres are being managed for prairie with possible expansion. Among the many prairie plants were *Chenopodium simplex* (maple-leaved goosefoot), *Spiranthes lacera* (slender ladies tresses) and *Cuscuta glomerata* (rope dodder). For those interested in insects there was a large polyphemus moth larva (caterpillar), *Antheraea polyphemus*, in the prairie. It was bright, translucent, light green with really visible red spiracles and slanted yellow lines along the side of each abdominal segment. Really eye-catching in the prairie grass on a small woody plant.

Rocky Point Glade

KC WildLands has been restoring the limestone glades and oak savanna of Rocky Point Glade, in Swope Park, in recent years. Native plants are being restored through direct seeding and transplanting seedlings. Prescribed burning is also being used.

Hidden Valley Natural Area

This Sunday morning trip was to a rugged 82-acre area with deep loess soil just northwest of highway 210 and I-435 intersect, north of the Missouri River. It contains many fern species, including Goldie's Fern (*Dryopteris goldiana*), rated S2, which is state-imperiled, in Missouri.

In Touch With Nature

Lincoln University had their third annual "In Touch with Nature" field day on Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 2 pm at Alan T. Busby Farm located on Goller Rd. Off US-54 W, 5 minutes south of Jefferson City.

Five Hawthorn members, Paula, Vanessa, Jean, Becky, Paul put up our booth and manned it to accompany LU staff/faculty, MDC, Missouri Prairie Foundation, and MU-Extension to get involved with hands-on demonstrations for children and adults.

Activities included native plant garden tours, dutch-oven cooking demonstrations and food tasting, storytelling, pet zoo with chicken, goats and sheep, mini-petting zoo with donkeys goats, Aquaculture was explained using amphibians and fish, beneficial insect id included audio recognition, and more. We learned about prairie and woodland native plants beneficial for pollinators and other wildlife.

Hawthorn chapter made almost \$200 mostly from plant sales.

September Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ann Wakeman Secretary

The September 13, 2010 meeting of Hawthorn Chapter of Missouri Native Plant Society began at 7:10pm with the program. Allison Vaughn, Naturalist of Department of Natural Resources. She introduced us to the fall bloomers. Most interest in native plant floral displays are spring focused. Allison mentioned that the fall tree foliage in the Ozarks isn't as colorful as it was in the 1970's and 1980's, so the fall blooming native flowers are becoming more noticeable now. Prescribed fire is also helping the fall blooming plants, especially fires in April, which will enhance flowering the following growing season. Glade habitats especially require fire to maintain vigor and suppress woody plant invasion. Savannas and prairies also require prescribed burning at regular intervals for better flowering. Allison showed us slides of various flowering plants we could be see at the October 2 field trip she will be leading at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. In the meanwhile, she suggested several sites around central Missouri to hike and see fall blooms on our own. Places like Meramec State Park, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Rock Bridge State Park, and Ha Ha Tonka. She also listed certain trails at these parks where we could see the best fall blooms. After her talk, seven members committed to attending her guided tour of HaHaTonka on 2 October.

Treasurer's report. Paula was out of town but the treasurer's report as be published in the September newsletter.

Vanessa received a letter from the Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative asking the Hawthorn chapter to become a participating member. The MoBCI has a list of principles and guidelines as well as involvement from 57 other organizations as partnerships. Denny Donnell helped explain some of the guidelines and how it is a better comprehensive look at helping migrant song birds. Nancy Langworthy moved we become involved as a participating member, Jean Graebner seconded. Motion carried.

President, Vanessa Melton passed around a sign up sheet for members to help with setting up, taking down and staffing the chapter booth where we sell plants and books at upcoming events: Eco-Fest at Cooper's Landing September 18, In Touch with Nature at Lincoln University Busby Farm September 25 and Chestnut Festival October 16.

Vanessa reminded us the chapter is needing to elect a new Chapter representative (John White's fulfilling the vacancy left by Nadia), Vice president and Treasurer. She asked us to please consider volunteering to serve in one of these positions and to submit nominations for the election coming up in January. She also requested nominations for the Blazing Star award at our chapter so it could be announced at the Christmas party.

Announcements:

Robin Kennedy will be the speaker at the November 8 meeting.

Joann Whitely's memorial service will be September 20

Becky Erickson stated a change in date for the Painted Rock field trip to 24 October. So it won't conflict with Vanessa and David's wedding celebration on 23 October. Becky passed around a sign up sheet for those interested in the propagation workshop 10 October, mid-January and near 1 June.

Becky also took names of those who would be going on the HaHaTonka field trip so carpooling could be coordinated.

Becky stated someone was needed to keep and transport the tables and display boards for the event booths.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Editor's summary: We need volunteers for Vice President and Treasurer's positions. We need a person to keep/store and transport booth parts = one table is 6 feet, but can be carried by one person. We need your reservation for the HaHaTonka trip immediately! Becky needs reservation for the propagation workshops ASAP [you know if you have already committed].



We need someone to store our new display board, the main table and two small tables. They all fold flat and take up very little space. That person needs to bring them to display opportunities and retrieve them until the next one: usually 5-6 per year. Bradford April, Earthday April, Bradford June, Eco-Art Fest Sept, Chestnut Fest Oct, possibly one more. Contact an officer to volunteer.

Propagation Workshop

Submitted by Becky Erickson

Propagation workshop is offered every year to teach members how to grow plants for their own gardens and to make potted wildflowers to sell at our booth. We have a grant program with Columbia Public Schools and we need plants to sell for the grant program. At the September Membership Meeting, nine members expressed interest in attending the three parts of the propagation workshop offered this year. If you want to be included in the three classes of this workshop, you need to make reservations with Becky now so you will receive appropriate instructional postings and updates of activities. The workshop consists of three classes.

The first class will be Sunday 10 October [because Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival is on the 9th]. We will meet at the MDC Research parking lot before 9 am and decide where to go. **Expect to be out at least 4 hours (do not schedule another activity for early afternoon the same day); bring water and a snack. Also, bring clippers or scissors, at least 10 medium-sized paper bags with the bottom seams taped, a sharpie marker and a sense of adventure.** You will learn to identify plants from structure rather than from flowers, and techniques of seed collection and storage. After the first outing, you can make an appointment with me for other guided outings any day of the week this fall.

The second class will be in mid January; this also depends on weather and the schedule of the host of the gathering and the core participants. During this class you will learn stratification and scarification techniques to coax native seed into germination. You will need to bring all of your collected seed to share, any small pots and trays you have kept from last year's plantings and a bag of course potting soil. If you are just getting started, there will probably be enough equipment for you to use this time, then share later.

The third class will be close to 1 June; this date also depends on the weather, how much seedlings have grown and the participants' schedules. During this class you will learn how to transplant your seedlings into plugs or pots for maturing growth. Techniques are NOT like transplanting tomatoes or other annuals, so don't think you already know how to do this. These plants you have grown can be incorporated into your own gardens later in the same year or over-wintered for sale at our booth efforts the following year.

Once again – you need to make a commitment with me so I know to keep you updated and in the loop on these activities. My contact info is in the front page column.

Officers of NPS suggest you attend this meeting:

CAS MEETING: COLUMBIA PARK SALES TAX Weds, October 20, 7:30
Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

Mike Hood, the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Columbia since 1998, will speak with us about the Nov. 2 vote on the Columbia Park Sales Tax (Proposition 1 on the ballot). This tax is a dedicated sales tax for local parks applied to all retail sales made within the City of Columbia that are subject to taxation under the provision of Sections 144.010 to 144.525 RSMo. All revenue received from the local Park Sales Tax is used solely for local parks for the City, in order to purchase, improve and manage parks, trails and natural lands for water quality, wildlife, tree preservation, and recreation purposes.

The current Park Sales Tax rate in Columbia is ¼ of 1%, or simply ¼ of one penny. This ¼-cent is further divided into two separate categories:

- A). 1/8 of 1 cent is permanent, generates about \$2.4 million/year.
- B). 1/8 of 1 cent is renewable, with a five-year sunset. This 1/8-cent tax is scheduled to expire March 31, 2011, unless Columbia voters approve its extension at the November 2, 2010 general election. This part generates about \$2.4 million/year or about \$12 million over a five-year period.

Passage of this tax extension is vital to the interests of CAS. At its September 15 meeting the Columbia Audubon Society Board voted unanimously to support the 2010 Parks Tax. In addition we agreed to donate a minimum of \$100 to the Friends of Columbia Parks to help in their support of Proposition 1. At the ensuing general meeting members voted 30 to 0 to support the Parks Tax and to consider individual donations to CAS which could be added to the \$100. The immediate and generous response allowed the Treasurer to send a check for \$225 to Friends of Columbia Parks.

SAVE TREES, SAVE NPS MONEY: SIGN UP FOR THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Update on Plastic Recycling

Submitted by Vanessa Melton

Two years ago I wrote an article on recycling plastics other than 1 & 2. A few members of our chapter turned me on to Ryan Enterprises located close to Millersburg, and ever since then I have been saving all plastic material except for those illustrious shopping bags. They go back to Walmart or HyVee. This duty could be alleviated by using several cloth shopping bags.

I made a run to Millersburg the other day to drop off a car load of plastic and I was fortunate enough to be there when the owner was working away making fence posts from the goods he collects. He informed me that things had changed and he was no longer taking ALL plastic. Now hold on, don't dump that butter container in the trash just yet. The plastic he can no longer take is the thin, wrapping plastic I call flimsy plastic such as cheese slice wrappers, plastic/saran wrap, and the other plastic wrap around many products we buy.

The machines used at Ryan Enterprises cannot handle that "fluffy" sort of plastic. It was being removed from the stockpile, re-bundled, and sold to companies who could use it, but the market for that sort of plastic has dropped out. Ryan Enterprises is now re-bundling it and taking it to the landfill. It is a sad day in recycling history, but what can you do? So, save Ryan Enterprises the trouble of sorting your plastic, take a deep breath, and throw away plastic film/wrap in the trash. And, of course, he won't take PVC plastic because of the chlorine in it.

On another note, the owner also explained to me that business isn't good and if he doesn't do something this year to make a profit he might have to shut the door and close the entire business down. Remember his products are plastic landscape timbers and plastic fence posts, all molded and dyed to look like wood, and will never rot! One notion he is toying with is to charge a fee per bag that folks drop off which could be anywhere from \$2-5 per bag. It is something to keep in mind.

Remember to contact either Becky or me when you want your full bag of shaped plastic taken to Ryan's.

If you need a refresher on the company and want more information here is their website - <http://ryanenterprise.biz/>

Election Time

Submitted by Vanessa Melton, President

The time has come again for election of officers and this year we need to vote for Vice President, Treasurer, and State Representative. Here is a list of the nominations so far:

Vice President – Nancy Langworthy

State Representative – John White

We still need a person to run for Treasurer, and hey, if you are thinking about doing it and are afraid to step into the role all by yourself, find a partner who would take on the role with you. We could have two Co-Treasurers! There are two aspects of the Treasurer role, the money side and the membership duties, that could easily be split between two people.

We will hold elections in November at the general meeting, so please, if you are interested in running for Treasurer/Co-Treasurer just contact Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vanndawn@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Blazing Star Award Nominations

Submitted by Vanessa Melton, President

The Holiday season is already upon us with Halloween just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about the Blazing Star Award. I know the connection may be hard to see, so here it is - our chapter will be giving a Blazing Star Award at the annual Holiday Party in December.

It is time to start collecting nominations for the award, so if someone from the chapter comes to mind as a person who has offered their time, services, expertise, etc for the betterment of the chapter please let us know. Send us the name of the person you would like to nominate along with a description of why you think they deserve this award by November 15th. The chapter will only be giving away one Blazing Star Award per year so competition will be tough. Please send the information to Nancy Langworthy at 573-874-2463 or nancyangworthy@hotmail.com or Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vanndawn@gmail.com.

If you have a name in mind of who to nominate, and you are not sure if they have already received an award in the past this will help you out. Here is a list of members who have won Blazing Stars in the past three years: Judy Turner, Jim Whitley, Paula Peters, Nancy and George Brakhage, Jean Graebner.

Also, something else to consider is the Award Committee has decided to offer an award to folks outside the chapter for excellence in using native plants in landscaping, teaching others about native plants and their benefits, etc. We will come up with a catchy name for the award, because we don't want there to be confusion between the Blazing Star Award and this award which would be for non-members. More information on this award will be forthcoming.

Please Step Forward For Service

Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service. We need people to serve as officers, to grow plants for fundraising and we need people to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Chestnut Festival. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money

- Regular (\$16.00)*
- Student (\$11.00)
- Contributing (\$26.00)* designate chapter or state
- State Lifetime (\$200)
- Chapter Lifetime (\$120 – you must also be a member of the state organization to utilize this option)
- Chapter only (\$6.00 – this is for members who already belong to State and another chapter)

*Includes both Chapter (\$6) and State (\$10) dues.
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